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SUBJ: MIDEAST SITUATION HAS PRODUCED A SOVIET-AMERICAN CRISIS
OF CONFIDENCE SAYS SALONGO.

1. UNDER MOSCOW DATELINE, GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA
DAILY "SALONGO" STATES THAT USSR HAS "INDIRECTLY" ACCUSED
NIXON OF HAVING PUT AMERICAN TROOPS ON ALERT "TO DETRACT
ATTENTION FROM THE WATERGATE AFFAIR."

2. ARTICLE ATRIBUTED TO PRAVAD, "CONFIRMS" THAT THE
ALERT HAS CREATED A "CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE" BETWEEN NIXON
AND BREZNEV.

3. "SALONGO" SAYS THAT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK THE
"ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET PUBLIC IS DRAWN TO THE MOST
TROUBLING ASPECTS OF THE WATERGATE AFFAIR WHICH FOR
SO LONG WAS 'TABOO' IN THE SOVIET PRESS".

4. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY RHETORICALLY ASKING IF NIXON
REQUEST THAT CONGRESS DEFER TALKS ON MFN FOR USSR IS
"IN ANSWER TO THIS(SOVIET PRESS) ATTACK."

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